

PTO Meeting Minutes

Tuesday April 19, 2016 @ 7 PM

Attendees: Mr. Hammond, Amy Kraiza, Amy Giacomucci, Kelly Tagliaferro, Marion Pelton, Vaishali Vora, Ashley Parks, Virginia Jennings, Alexis Knorr, Angela Urso, Therese Menear, Susan Pollock, Debbie Politano, Alex McClearn, Betsy Berkey, Amy McClements, Iain McClements, Carmen Bilec, Missy Bochanski

Guest Speakers HMS PTO – Susan Pollock, Therese Menear

Encouraging the 5th grade parents to get involved in the middle school next year. Volunteers needed Friday night activities night. Other programs include 6th grade Halloween party, 7th grade dance, etc. The HMS PTO will also be there at 5th grade back to school night.

- 1) <http://hmspto.volunteerbuilder.com> and follow instructions to register
- 2) <http://hms-pt.com> click on 'PTO' tab, scroll down to 'membership'; and follow instructions
- 3) Note you will need separate passwords for your HMS and Manoa accounts but can use the same email address

Principal Report – Kyle Hammond

In the middle of PSSA testing and it is going well. Thank you to parents for cooperation, absences have been at a minimum. Will start to plan academics for next year in May, if you have questions please reach out to Mr. Hammond. There are a lot of fun activities coming up in the next eight weeks.

Old Business4

Treasurer's Report – Marian Pelton – Account balance \$24,000, 5th grade gift \$2541 waiting for numbers from the dance. Encourage teachers to use the resource fund to offset their out of pocket costs for classroom expenses. Looking to possibly bring back the parent social next year if anyone is interested in volunteering.

Intradistrict council – Vaishali Vora and Carmen Bilec – Clearances - PTO will get a list from the district on who was cleared. Parents visiting the building without clearances will get a visitor badge, parents with clearances on file will get a volunteer badge. Would like to get the names of the homeroom parents in August to help get clearances in time for September. Will be a new visitor system with electronic check in. Visitors will need to swipe their drivers licence that will bump up against databases for security and will print out a badge with picture. Bring drivers licence to gain admittance in the future – no date on when this will be mandatory but better to start this practice now of bringing a form of identification to school.

If anyone is interested in becoming an IDC rep please email the PTO. Carmen will be a rep for Manoa next year and there can be up to three per school.

Family Reading Night – Kristen Simmons, Debbie Politano

Held on April 8th, attendance was lower this year since it was rescheduled from a snow day in January. There were groups by grade and each read a book and did activities. The night was ended with milk and cookies. It was a nice evening. Collected books to donate to CHOP.

Variety Show – Ruth Billebault, Virginia Jennings

The show was great and went smoothly. Looking for a volunteer to take it over next year. Thanks to the teachers who were in the show – they were wonderful and the kids really enjoyed their performance! Looking for ideas to streamline the process of collecting permission slips and songs and creating the master CD.

Spirit Wear – Missy Bochanski

We had about the same number of families order in the spring and fall. Approximately 40 families ordered attire each round. If anyone wants to help or take over spiritwear, volunteers needed.

New Business

Fun Fair – Amy Giacomucci, Amy Kraiza

Ticket sales are on sale starting this week. \$10 a ticket, \$15 at the door. Adding a new ride and removed the obstacle bounce to create shorter lines and more activities. You can purchase food. Looking for volunteers. Middle school and high school students can volunteer to run the games. 5th graders can sign up for a dunk tank. Ten minute slots at a time. Will send out a sign up to donate baked goods.

Field Day – Kelly Dreyer Spitz, Michelle Scullin

Date is May 20th. The PTO is purchasing a water bottle and pretzels for each child. Encourage your child to wear sneakers and bring a water bottle for outdoor activities.

Publishing – Ashley Parks

Looking for volunteers to help with binding and typing. An email will be going out soon. Will need a new cochair for publishing next year, looking for a volunteer. To volunteer you need clearances.

Faculty Luncheon – Therese Menear

Friday May 6th, the PTO sponsors lunch for the faculty to include pizza, sandwiches and fruit. Will send out a sign up genius to donate baked goods and other items such as salads, chips, etc.

5th Grade Gift – Michele Moresco, Cara Runk

Need to raise more money for the 5th grade gift. The children will be working with a professional muralist and every 5th grade student will participate in the art work. Each child will participate a minimal of 4 times in the project. We have raised \$2,541 out of \$4,000 for the project. May secure a grant and looking for other fund raising opportunity. A vote was taken and

the PTO agreed to fund the remainder of the project until the grant and/or other fundraising can take place.

Jazz Residency Program – Heather Heckler

Heather is the liason for the jazz program at the high school. There is an event called an evening of Jazz at the high school. The Jazz artists this year was a saxophone player who also worked with our 4th and 5th grade kids at Manoa. The jazz program is looking for assistance to keep this program going and continue to expose kids to professional musicians. The PTO took a vote and will give a small donation to support the Jazz artist that work with these kids.

Graduation – Heather Heckler

What happens at graduation? Kids process into school and do songs and hopes and aspirations, Mr. Hammon and Mr. Horan speak to the kids. There is also a 5th grade video and the kids get a gift. Looking for volunteers the day of graduation – also volunteers to decorate the cafeteria the day before. Will need parents to volunteer to bring food for a little reception after graduation.

Havglen – Amy McClements

Program for gifted kids - for more information and events see www.haveglen.org

New Board – Amy McClements

Congratulations to the newly elected PTO board members!!

After a month of collecting nominations and a week long vote, the Manoa Community has decided. Thank you in advance to the new members who will volunteer their time and energy to support and build our Manoa Community.

- Amy Kraiza – President
- Iain McClements – Vice President
- Alex McLearn – Treasurer
- Betsy Berkey – Recording Secretary
- Angela Urso – Corresponding and Recognition Secretary

Next meeting to be determined. Originally scheduled on May 10 but that will be changed due to conflict. Meeting dates and Special event dates can be found at manoapto.org